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Re: Declaration

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Title : Electrode and Cell

Inventor(s): ARIMA et al.

Dear Mr. Nathaniel A. Humphries :

Thank you very much for your facsimi letter and reminder letter relating to the New Declaration of the above-identified application dated January 25, 2001 .

We forward you the New Declaration .

However we contacted with Mr. TSUKAMOTO Hisashi by mail, and request him to sign and date to the New DECLARATION . But we failed to get his consent . To put it concretely, We forwarded him the New Declaration dated January 10, 2001 and request him to sign and to date to the New Declaration to return until January 25, 2001 , but he would not completely sign and date to the New Declaration .

The explanation of why the inventors did not note the correction of their last names in the published international application as follows:

(1) At the first stage(International stage) in this patent application ,

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we are requested by clients to file this patent application being based on the PATENT COOPERATION TREATY(PCT) to the Japanese Patent Office(as Receiving Office).

(2) When we prepared the filing documents of patent application being based on the PATENT COOPERATION TREATY(PCT) ,we listed the names of inventors in the documents with " 漢字(Kanji)" and "alphabet" .

☆Kanji =Chinese characters

(3) However ,we had not enough time to insist the Paris Convention Priority . Therefore , we filed this patent application as quick as possible . And when we listed the Kanji's names of inventors with "alphabet" , we could not type the names in the way of right expression of pronunciation of Kanji .

(4) At the U.S.national stage ,we filed the documents of patent application including the translation of the specification and drawings to the U.S.PTO within 30 months from the filing patent application with Priority . At this time ,we requested these inventors to sign and to date in the DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY and the ASSIGNMENT to the inventors . As though these inventors did not know the spelling errors of the Kanji's names of inventors with "alphabet" at the international stage, we requested to the inventors to sign in condition typing their names to the DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY and the ASSIGNMENT with "alphabet".

(5) However, at this U.S.national stage ,the part of these inventors pointed out the spelling errors of pronunciation of Kanji's name . But we considered the expression of the pronunciation of Kanji's name at the U.S.national stage must be identical with the expression of the pronunciation at the international stage .Still more ,we considered that if it would necessary to amend the expression of the pronunciation of Kanji's name at the U.S.national stage , it would be better that the amendment of this expression of the pronunciation leave to the Firm in the U.S.A (your firm).

(6) In case of expression of the pronunciation of Kanji's name with

"alphabet" , even as a identical Kanji ,there are several ways of expression of the pronunciation . In this case, we missed the expression of the pronunciation of Kanji's name with "alphabet" as we lacked the sufficient confirmation to the inventors .

We request you to amend the spelling errors as the part of inventors point out .

(7)The right spelling of the parts of inventors are as follows:

塩田 久 SHIOTA Hisashi
漆畑 広明 URUSHIBATA Hiroaki
荒金 淳 ARAGANE Jun
吉岡 省二 YOSHIOKA Shoji

(8) We leave you to execute the next necessary step in case of being still unable to contact with Mr.Hisashi TSUKAMOTO .

However , it is the fact with dignity that Mr. Hisashi TSUKAMOTO signed and dated to the DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY and the ASSIGNMENT at the first U.S.national stage .

(9)Mr.Hisashi TSUKAMOTO is living now in U.S.A . And his post Office Address is as follow:

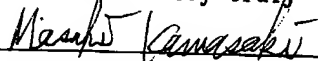
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I am very sorry for answer being late .

Yours very truly



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